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09/776,086

Examiner: Zervigon, Rudy

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Art Unit: 1763

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY

Sir:

- 1. This application became abandoned on or about November 4, 2003.
- 2. The failure to prosecute was an unintentional delay. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of this petition was unintentional 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(3).
- 3. Response or action required

has been filed.

⊠ is attached (compliant amendment).

- 4. The following is a chronological list of actions leading up to the application becoming abandoned:
 - a. The Final Office Action was mailed by the USPTO on November 20, 2002.
 - b. A response to the Final Office Action was timely filed on February 14, 2003.
 - c. An Advisory Action was mailed by the USPTO on March 5, 2003, indicating that the proposed response to the Final Office Action would not be entered as the response raised new issues.

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- d. A Request for Continued Examination was then filed on April 14, 2003, with a Preliminary Amendment and required RCE filing fee, but without a petition to extend the time for filing a response from February 20, 2003 to April 20, 2003.
 - e. A Notice of Non-compliant Amendment was mailed by the USPTO on April 18,
 . 2003. Note that the USPTO did not receive the RCE until April 28, 2003.
 - f. On October 30, 2003, a telephonic interview took place between Examiner Rudy Zervigon and prosecuting attorney Milton D. Wyrick. It is unclear as to what finally transpired during this conversation.
 - g. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed by the USPTO on November 4, 2003
 based on a failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on April 18, 2003.
- 5. On or about December 2004 it was discovered by an attorney in this office that this application had gone abandoned, even though the rights to the subject invention were licensed. The original prosecuting attorney, Milton D. Wyrick, had since retired in October 2004. It is believed that the reason for the unintentional delay was oversight, on the previous prosecuting attorney's part, to file for an extension of time at the same time he had submitted a Request for Continued Examination, on April 14, 2003, with the corresponding response to Examiner's final office action dated November 20, 2002 (which was refused review on March 5, 2003 due to the fact it raised new issues), and Mr. Wyrick's failure to file a compliant amendment in response to the Office Action of April 18, 2003.
- 6. Included with this petition is the RCE with proposed compliant amendment, along with a request for a 2 month extension of time from February 20, 2003, to cover the April 14, 2003 submittal date, and authorization for any fees deemed necessary by the patent office for continued prosecution of this application. Note that no new matter has been added as a result of the proposed compliant amendment.

Applicant's attorney would be pleased to further discuss this matter by telephone with the Examiner if the Examiner concludes such a discussion would assist in moving this case to issue.

Date: January 5, 2005

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Respectfully submitted

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FEE TRANSWITTAL For FY 2005

Patent fees are subject to annual revision

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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